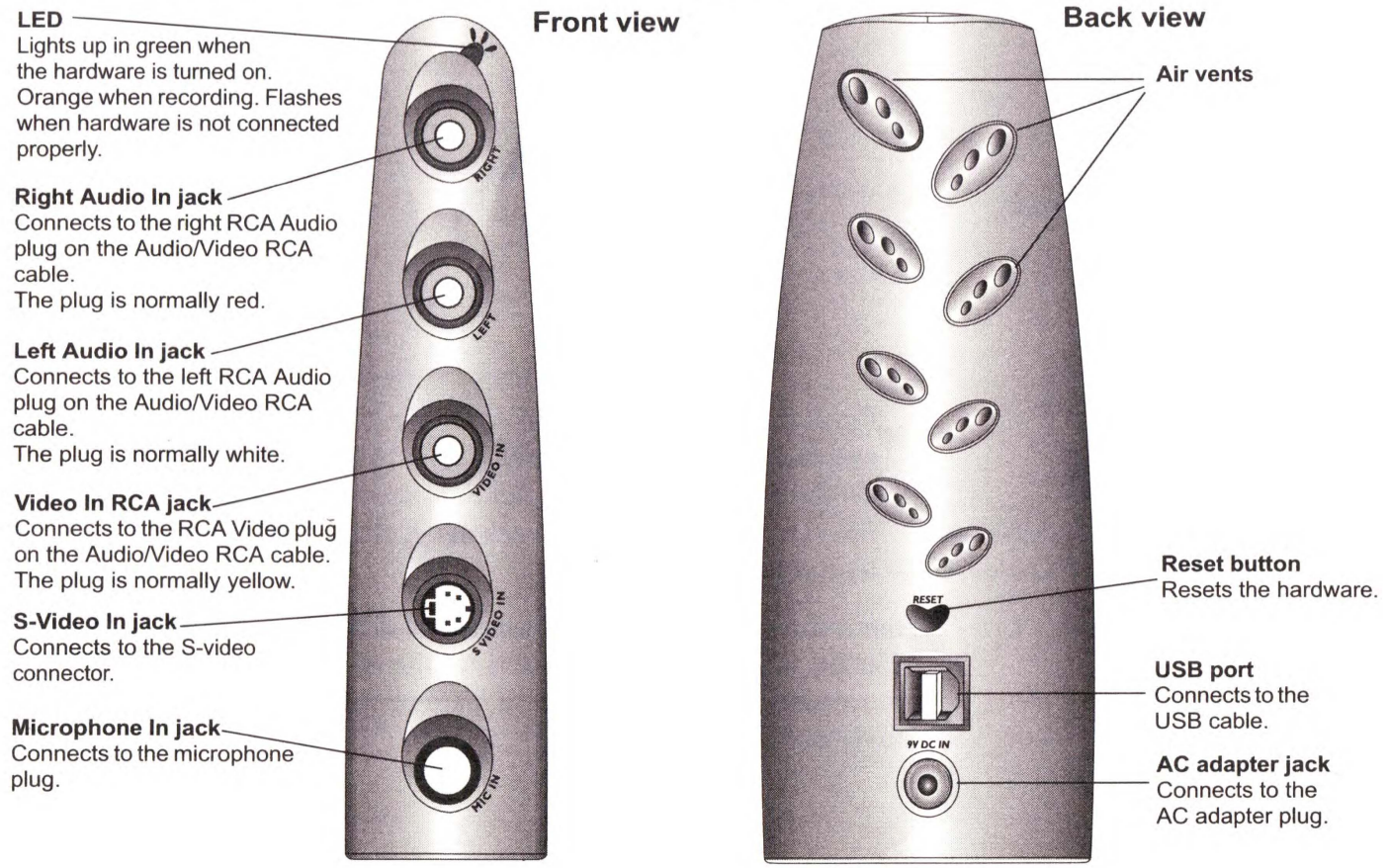
Quick Start: Video Blaster MovieMaker

Thank you for purchasing a Video Blaster MovieMaker. The information in this *Quick Start* allows you to quickly set up and start using your Video Blaster MovieMaker. For more detailed instructions, refer to the online manual *Getting Started*.

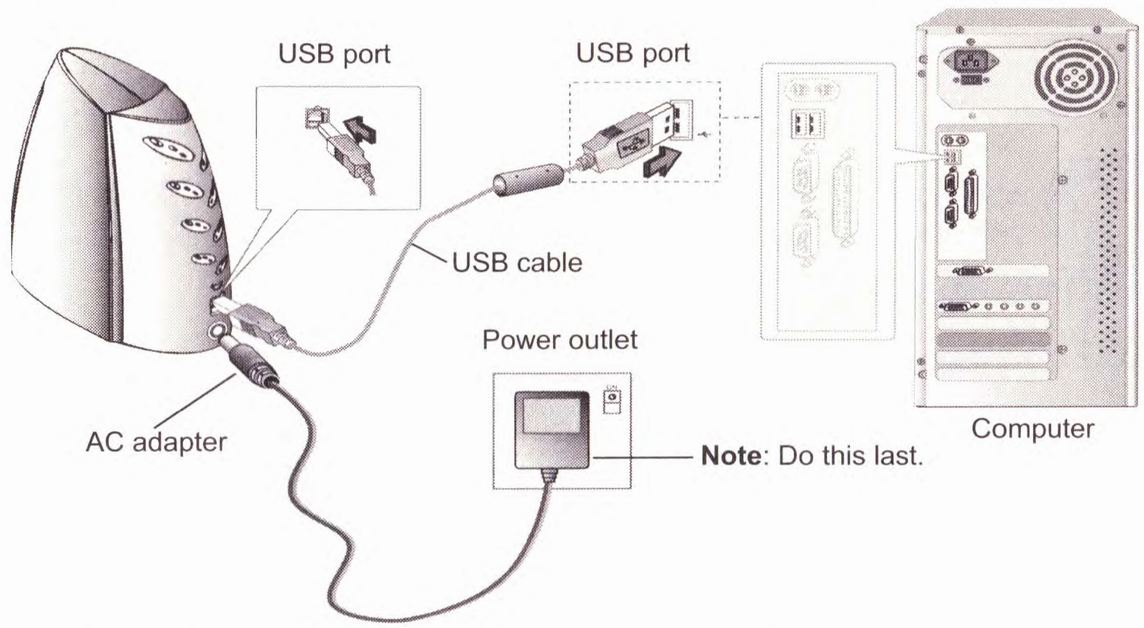
Creative Video Blaster MovieMaker is a USB device that allows the real-time encoding of analog audio and video from sources such as camcorders, VCRs, or television.

Step 1: Video Blaster MovieMaker Hardware


Front view
LED
Lights up in green when the hardware is turned on. Orange when recording. Flashes when hardware is not connected properly.
Right Audio In jack
Connects to the right RCA Audio plug on the Audio/Video RCA cable.
The plug is normally red.
Left Audio In jack
Connects to the left RCA Audio plug on the Audio/Video RCA cable.
The plug is normally white.
Video In RCA jack
Connects to the RCA Video plug on the Audio/Video RCA cable.
The plug is normally yellow.
S-Video In jack
Connects to the S-video connector.
Microphone In jack
Connects to the microphone plug.
RIGHT
LEFT
VIDEO IN
S VIDEO IN
MIC IN
Back view
Air vents
Reset button
Resets the hardware.
RESET
USB port
Connects to the USB cable.
9V DC IN
AC adapter jack
Connects to the AC adapter plug.

Step 2: Installing MovieMaker

1. Do not connect the MovieMaker hardware to your computer before installing the drivers.
   Insert the Video Blaster MovieMaker CD into your CD-ROM drive.
2. Click the options for installing drivers and applications if they are not already selected.
   (**Windows 2000:** The *Digital Signature Not Found* dialog box appears, telling you that an unknown software package has been detected. Click the *Yes* button.)
3. Follow the instructions on the screen to complete the installation.
   You may be asked, after an application is installed, if you want to restart your computer. Select *No* until all the drivers and applications are installed.
4. Connect the supplied USB cable and AC adapter as shown in the figure below.



5. Place the Video Blaster MovieMaker hardware on a flat surface, plug the AC adapter into a power outlet. Windows automatically detects the device.
   (**Windows 2000:** The *Digital Signature Not Found* dialog box appears again, telling you that Video Blaster MovieMaker has been detected. Click the *Yes* button.)
6. Restart your computer.

Your online *Getting Started* manual has detailed instructions on how to use the software applications included with your MovieMaker. All the applications are easy to use and have online help guides if you need assistance. The best way to learn about any of the applications is to start playing with your MovieMaker and having fun!

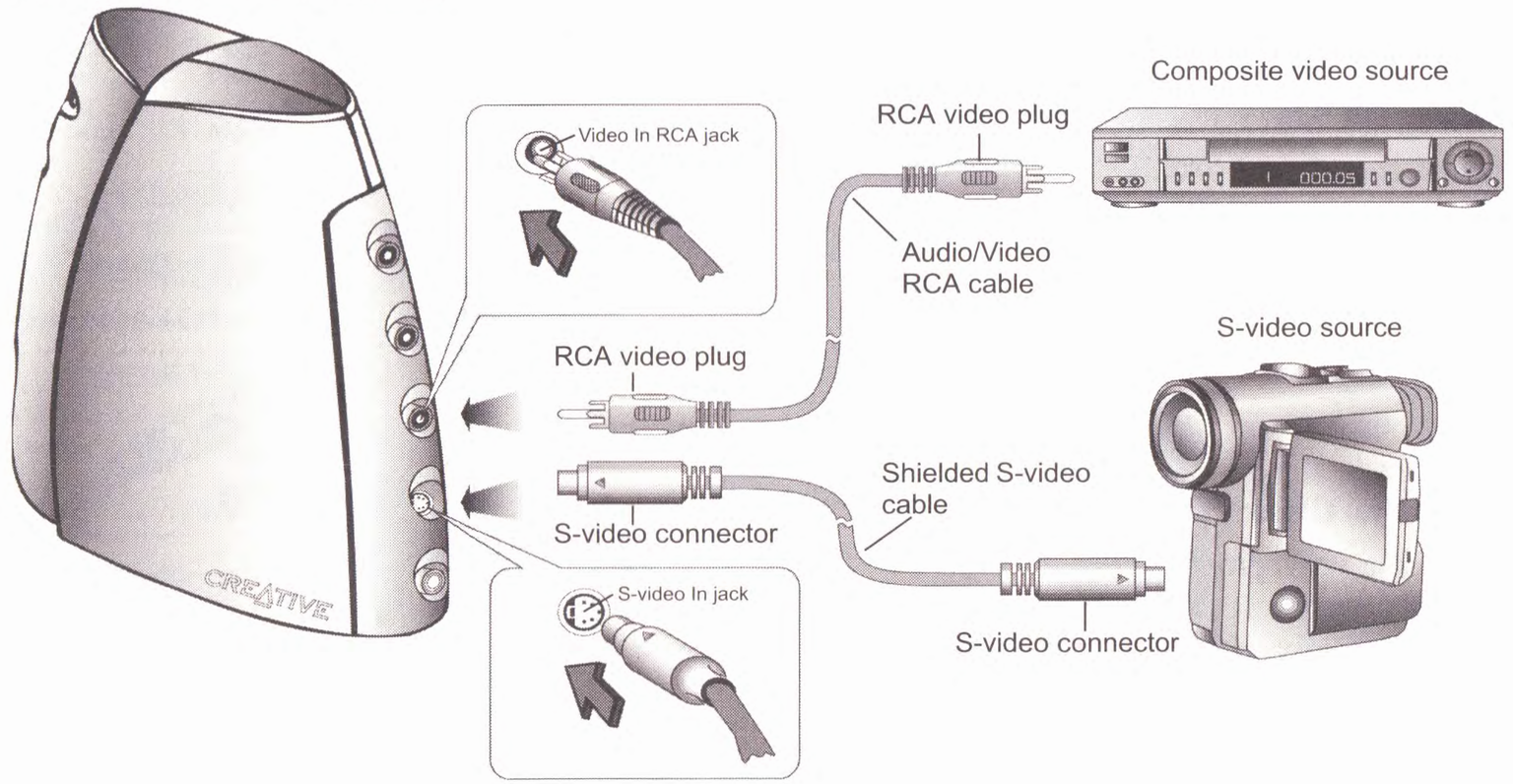
Step 3: Connecting MovieMaker to video sources

After installing MovieMaker, you must connect the MovieMaker hardware to an audio/video source in order to begin recording.

To record video, the MovieMaker must be connected to a video source. MovieMaker can be connected to two types of video sources — composite video or S-video. Composite video sources are connected to MovieMaker with the provided audio/video RCA cable while S-video sources are connected with S-video cables (not provided).
It is advised to use a shielded S-video cable for S-video sources.

To connect the MovieMaker to a video source:

1. Connect the RCA video plug or S-video connector to the Video In RCA jack or S-video In jack at the front of Video Blaster MovieMaker.
2. Connect the RCA video plug or S-video connector to your video source.
3. Be sure that the video source, the MovieMaker and the computer are properly connected and turned on before you start recording.

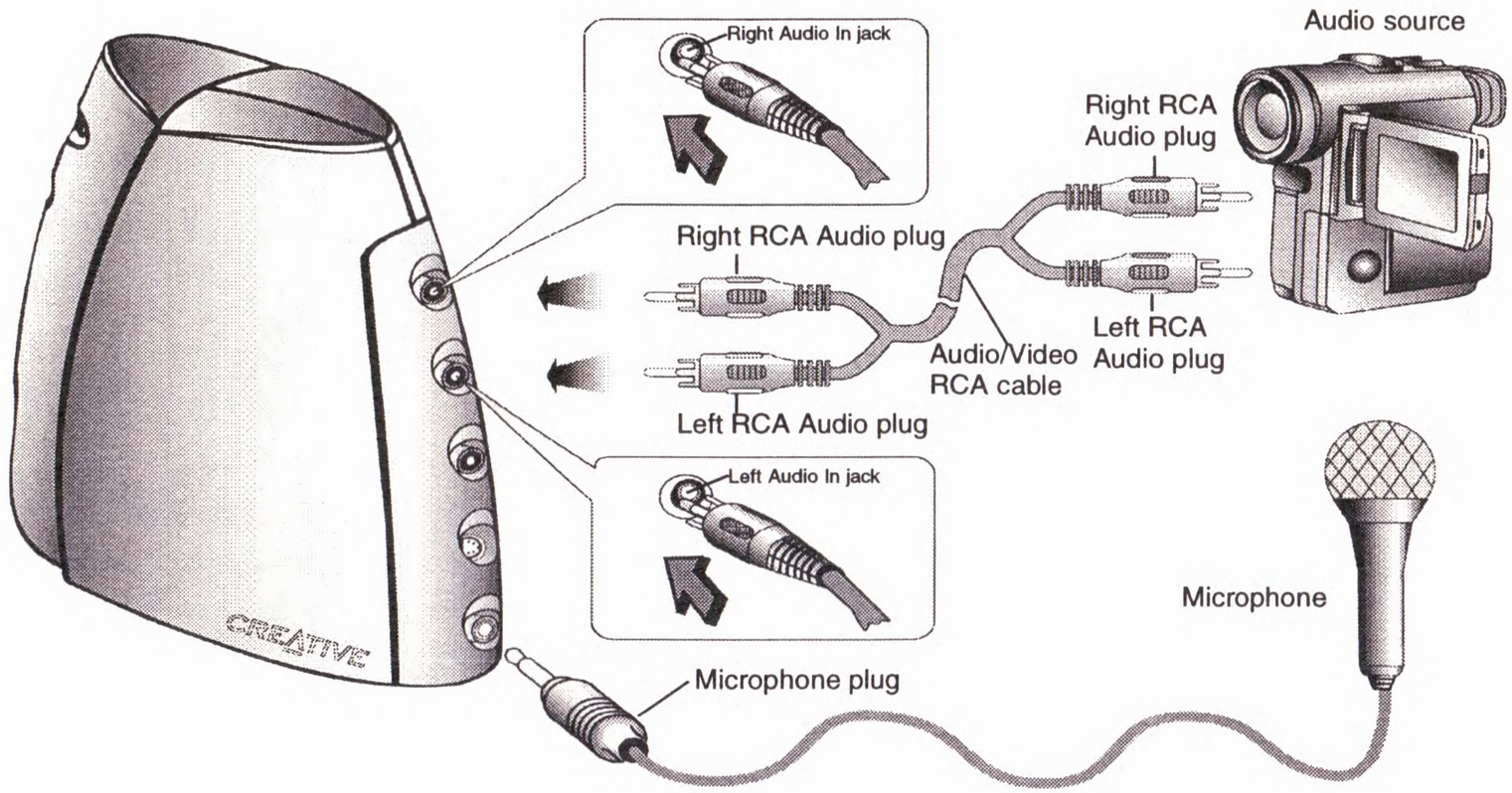


Step 4: Connecting MovieMaker to audio sources

To record video with audio, the MovieMaker must be connected to both an audio and video source.

To connect the Video Blaster MovieMaker to an audio source:

1. Connect the left and right RCA audio plugs to the respective RCA jacks at the front of MovieMaker. If you are using a microphone, connect the microphone plug to the microphone jack at the front of MovieMaker.
2. Connect the left and right RCA audio plugs to your audio source. If your audio source is the same as your video source, you must connect the left and right RCA audio plugs to your video source, regardless of whether it is a composite or S-video source.
3. Be sure that the audio source, video source, the MovieMaker and the computer are properly connected and turned on before you start recording.



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